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Date: Thursday, September 26, 2024 5:00:17 PM
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If the prosecutor is asking for our training materials on FLOCK, I'm comfortable providing it.

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Thanks, Commander… in just speaking with Steve I think we both agree and are on the same page.

Only thing to confirm will be okaying the release of SMPD training material.

Thanks!

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Lt. Rios –

SMPD doesn't maintain the ALPR devices, that is the contractual responsibility of FLOCK. It's my opinion that if anybody wants maintenance records, they would need to go directly to FLOCK.

Just my thoughts.

Dan

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The training including the PowerPoint is what I want to discuss with command staff.

And I'm totally good with referring the defense to Flock as we are not the custodian of their Records, but I am more apt to at least make the request for the prosecution who appears to be making this request.

You, Michael and I can discuss further, but please hold off on the training records/power point until I/we can get some clarification for admin.

Danny

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May I give them the Training Powerpoint also?
And....my thought would be for the Defense or DA to subpoenas the service records from Flock directly.

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Steve,

Based on their request below, we're good with releasing our captured data (item #105) and our policy. Will you, or Michael if more appropriate, please formally request the Flock service records? If we at least try we can produce whatever response/info (or lack of) that we get back from Flock.

Regarding the training material, I will have to defer to Cmdr. Cohen and/or Cmdr. Lara to provide confirmation. I'll reach out in person to the commanders. I'm looping in Cmdr. Lara and Mel on this response.

Thanks,
Danny

DISCOVERY REQUEST:
Date/Report #: FLOCK INFORMATION:

- Raw data re Flock hits of the suspect vehicle from the time Mr. Medrano returned home pre-shooting until 10 months after the shooting. By raw data, I mean from which reader, the location of each reader, the time of each hit, and what data was entered in the system to search for hits.
- All training materials regarding the use of the Flock system.
- Service records regarding any of the Flock readers utilized to identify the suspect vehicle.

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See attached Discovery request for Flock information.

The homicide occurred 02-05-23.
Flock only retains data 30 days so we are unable to provide any data that was not saved at the time.
PCR Item 105 (Barcode 153767) says "Flock Data" booked by Det. Whitney. That would be the only Flock data we have. I could not find a narrative describing what it is.

We do have a Power Point for Flock Training and a copy of our Policy. (I'll need a supervisor to authorize the release of the training material and Policy.)

Service records should be obtained from Flock (I try to keep some records but they would not be as complete as official Flock records). I provided you with their contact info:
Flock Safety
Online Service: Flock Group Inc
Address: 1170 Howell Mill Rd NW STE 210
City: Atlanta
State: GA
Zip Code: 30318-8637
Phone Number: 866-901-1781
Email: legal@flocksafety.com
Website: https://www.flocksafety.com/
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Hope this helps.

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Importance: High

Hi Cpl Best & Gina, see attached Discovery on SMPD23-0001287....does any of this apply to you? Can you supply this info to the DA? Please advise if you'll supply it directly to the DA or if you'll give me copies to forward to them via Box.

It doesn't look like anything with those description are booked into Property.
Sincerely, Mel-

From: Torres, Sara <setorres@countyofsb.org>
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DDA REQ - FLOCK INFORMATION, RAW DATA, TRANINNG MATERIALS, SERVICE RECORDS

THANK YOU.

PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT
Event: REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY
Date/Time: 09/24/2024
Court/Dept:
Crime Type: Homicide
Offense Date: 02/04/2023
Agency: SMPD
Peo. vs: MEDRANO, KEVIN
DA Log No: 23-07-512637
Agency Case#: SMPD23-0001287
Court#: 23CR06806
Suspect(s): MEDRANO, KEVIN, DOB: 05/02/1996

Victim(s):
Witness(es):
Prosecutor: BRYANT ESTEP
Advocate: Irving Velazquez Antunez
Defense Attorney:
Comment: DDA REQ - FLOCK INFORMATION, RAW DATA, TRANINNG MATERIALS, SERVICE RECORDS